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**Sent:** Thur 2/27/2014 7:08:31 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Postpone of MPCA release of preliminary findings

Shanon,

You mention, "We will update you when we can in the coming weeks." A broad interpretation of that could mean anything from 2 weeks to a year or more. Were there serious flaws in the planning of the release on the part of MPCA? Did the Advisory Committee make some mistakes that held this up or have individual Advisory Committee members initiated actions that have delayed the release? As an Advisory Committee member, I feel I need clarification on what has happened. I put in the time, weeks, months, years to do my part to get us to this point. I have attended the meetings, largely on my dime, read the messages, read the various papers and reports as we went through this process. Here we all are, anticipating the release of the preliminary findings on a schedule we all concurred with, and we are delayed weeks.

Why?

Bob Shimek

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Very interesting. Shannon, would you keep us updated on any incoming papers, filings, or other correspondence that comes in on this topic? Thanks. Len Anderson

--- shannon.lotthammer@state.mn.us wrote:

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Hi all,

We thought we would be ready to release preliminary findings on the wild rice sulfate standard on Thursday, but we are not.

We will update you when we can in the coming weeks.

Thank you,  
Shannon

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**From:** Engelking, Pat (MPCA)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2014 2:35 PM

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**Subject:** MPCA release of preliminary recommendations and response to advisory e-mail

Good afternoon,

We wanted to provide more detail about the planned release of the wild rice sulfate standard preliminary recommendations later this week, as well as next steps beyond that:

- 1) We will be sharing our preliminary recommendations with the Advisory Committee late morning on Thursday.
- 2) We will also be sharing our recommendations with the public/interested stakeholders and the media on Thursday.
- 3) In late March, MPCA will meet with the Wild Rice Sulfate Standards Advisory Committee and Minnesota Tribes in separate meetings to get feedback on the MPCA's Findings and Preliminary Recommendations. MPCA will also continue to seek feedback from USEPA and the Study researchers.
- 4) MPCA technical staff will continue to develop and assemble material for a technical support document. Further analysis of results and data from the Study will also continue. MPCA will, as appropriate, refine the recommendations based on the input received and this continued analysis.
- 5) The MPCA is also contracting for expert scientific review of the wild rice study reports and specific aspects of the MPCA's preliminary recommendations and rationale about whether a change to the current 10 mg/L wild rice sulfate standard is warranted, and the nature of the change. The expert review panel will likely be convened in late spring 2014, and will include the opportunity for interested stakeholders/members of the public to address the panel.
- 6) Any proposed change to the wild rice standard would be adopted into Minnesota's water quality standard rule (Minnesota Rules Chapter 7050) in accordance with the requirements of the Minnesota Administrative Procedures Act and would require the approval of the USEPA.

Please also see our response to an e-mail from an advisory committee member that is attached to this message. Thanks.

Pat

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